

# The Daily Courant.

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*The Extract of the King of Spain's Manifesto continued.*

THE Ambition of France likewise kept the Mahometans in Europe, when the Emperor was so near driving them out; Let no Man say the French apprehended the increase of the Power of the House of Austria, for they might have shar'd in the Spoil: Greece and Thrace (not to mention Asia) expected them, and might have been an easie Conquest. But they rather chose to reserve themselves for the unjust Invasion of the Spanish Monarchy; and even now they make use of all their Arts to perswade the Ottoman Porte to attack Christendom again. 'Tis they who out of an insatiable Thirst of Dominion, have been the Cause of a horrible Effusion of Christian Blood for more than 30 Years, and almost all the Miseries Europe has suffer'd in so long a time, may be justly charg'd upon them. These are the Merits the House of Bourbon has to plead, in order to carry so great a Prize as that of the Spanish Monarchy, and to wrest it out of the Hands of the Emperor, who was ever Faithful to his God, and to his Allies.

But, what is worst of all, Atheism shews its Face publickly in France; Libertines in Religion are in Mode, and true Piety ridicul'd. This Poison spreads through all Places where the Genius of France has any Influence, and wherever they set their Foot and become Superior, they introduce it with them. To submit to a French Government, is to open a Door to all manner of Dissolution and Corruption of Manners; and indeed we may take it for granted, that Piety cannot reign where Justice is trampled under foot, as it has been in France so often and so imperiously. And if the Insolent Carriage of the French wherever they are Masters, ought to oblige Men of Spirit to prevent their getting the Superiority in their Country; their impious Opinions and Actions ought to be abhorr'd by all good Men and Pious Prelates, as well as all the rest of the Clergy who have any Zeal for the House of God. One must have an extraordinary kindness for the Princes of the House of Bourbon, to imagine that such Evils do and will happen against their will, and that they will neither countenance Licentiousness nor Impiety: But bad Customs, when they have taken root in Mens Minds and are grown pleasing, are too strong for Edicts and Ordinances; and we see at this day the French, under a King who is devout, severe, and absolute, exceed all other Christian Nations in all manner of Dissolution and Irreligion. God grant there may be no need of guarding against this French Evil; and that the Grandeur of that Nation, which increases daily, do not prove a new Scourge to Religion: Spain would smart under it, especially their Churches; and the Spaniards will be accessary to their Crimes, if they submit to that dangerous Nation, and by so doing put them into a Condition to insult all the rest of Europe.

The Interest as well as Inclination of a King of the House of Bourbon, is to render himself Absolute that he may govern in a despotick manner. 'Tis well known that Form of Government is establish'd in

France, that it is cried up there by Flatterers, and that a Grandson of the French King must necessarily be season'd with those Maxims. In France the Liberties of all Ranks and Orders of Men are utterly subverted; the King's Will and Pleasure stands for every thing; even the Princes of the Blood Royal are not at all regarded; the greatest Men are but titular, and declining every day, while mean and inconsiderable Persons are advanc'd and made Instruments of the general Oppression. In those Provinces where Assemblies of Estates are continued, they are summon'd to meet only for Form sake, and those Assemblies serve to no other end than to execute the Orders of the Court, without being able to make the least Step towards the redress of the publick Grievances. The Gentry are impoverish'd to the last Degree, made uneasy with Prosecutions and vexatious Inquiries, constrain'd to wear themselves out in the King's Service, and to Sacrifice their Estates and Blood to the Ambition of a Conqueror, and have little left to live upon but the Hopes of an Imaginary Fortune, and of being advanc'd to Commands that fall to the Share of a very few. Those that are in civil Employments, especially in such as are profitable, after having enrich'd themselves with the Spoils of the People, whom they are allow'd to fleece, are squeeze'd like Sponges by a Scrutiny into their Management and Accounts, by the Venality of Places, by the erection of new Offices, and by great Sums demanded of them without cause, and which they are oblig'd to pay to free themselves from further Vexation. The People are oppress'd without Mercy, and reduc'd to Bread and Water by Taillages, Taxes, Imposts, Capitations, Winter Quarters, and the frequent Marches of Troops; by Monopolies; by Alterations of the value of Coin, which at once takes away a great part of a Man's Estate; and by a thousand other Contrivances: And all this only to foment the Insatiable Avarice of a Court, that have no manner of regard to the Subjects they have already, and seek only to increase the number of miserable People by extending their Dominions. This is the Condition into which the Subjects of the Spanish Monarchy are falling: And can any true Spaniard that loves his Country, and values the Honour of his Nation, forbear to be alarm'd at it?

Let them but think what the restless and litigious Humour of the French is capable of undertaking in Spain to enrich the King, and exalt his Power at the Cost of the Subject; France swarms with hungry Projectors, who greedily gape after the Gold and Silver of the Indies, and the Riches of Spain, which they already devour in expectation. The King will make himself Master of the Trade to America, and will dispose of the Mines of Peru at his Pleasure, by sending thither French Undertakers; and private Men will have no more than what will be found absolutely necessary to enable them to carry on the Works, which trouble the King will not take off their Hands. Spain will be pester'd with Farmers of the publick Revenues, after the French Mode, and other Bloodsuckers, who will prey upon the very Vitals of the People, to oblige them (as they will say) to be more Industrious and Laborious; but they will

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not be permitted to enjoy the Fruit of their Labour, all the Profit will go to the Court and to Forreigners.

A terrible Reform will be made in the Courts of Justice, the Treasury, and the Magistracy of Cities; some will be turn'd out, and to those that shall be continued such Collegues will be joyn'd as will be subservient to the Ends of France: and few Men will be continued in their Places without bribing, tho the venality of Offices should not be immediately introduc'd. Many will be forc'd to buy off Prosecutions to exempt themselves from vexatious retrospections. In general they will be sent to School to the French, under pretence that all things are perfectly well regulated in France; but at the bottom, to the end the French by becoming their Instructors may dive into the Secret of the whole Oeconomy of Spain, and insinuate themselves by degrees into all manner of Employments. If they change any thing for the better, it shall not be for the Benefit of the People but of the King, the swelling of whose Coffers, is like the Splen in a human Body, which can never grow to an enormous Bigness without the Diminution and Decay of all the other parts: And besides, immense Riches put Kings upon projecting Conquests, and contriving of Wars, destructive to their own Subjects and tending to increase the Disorders and Miseries of Mankind.

The Grandees and Lords will not be free from Vexations; on the contrary, those whose Power Wealth and Interest shall give never so little Umbrage, will quickly be taken down to a lower level; and be involv'd in the Retrospections that will be made into the alienation of the Crown Lands, which they will find themselves forc'd to give up under several pretences. They shall have Employments in appearance honourable, but necessarily attended with great expence and exactly fitted to ruine their Fortunes. All means will be us'd to introduce Luxury among the Gentry, and to ensnare them with Law Suits. Ways will be found to oblige them to make an expensive-Figure at Court, in the Arriereban, and in the Armies: under pain of being despis'd, and even ill us'd in case of refusal. All Employments of Profit and Trust shall be given to Strangers, or to the meanest spirited Natives, who will be basely subservient to any designs and ready to bear all manner of Contempt, without the least Concernment for the Honour and Good of their Country. The Churchmen will be us'd little better, and the Example of France will be a Law to them; The King, with the Assistance of the French Monarch, will force the Pope to whatever Concordat he shall think fit, by which Means the Court will possess themselves of the Power of conferring almost all Ecclesiastical Benefices, and grant Pensions out of them. The Regale will be introduc'd in the utmost Rigour, The proceedings of Ecclesiastical Courts shall be annull'd by Secular Officers, the Wings of such Prelates as are thought too rich shall be clip'd; and Free Gifts will be so often demanded of the Clergy, that their Condition will be no better than that of other Subjects, a great Share of whose Misery they must help to bear.

London, Jan. 25. One of the Ships that attended the Duke of Marlborough to Holland is return'd, and brings Advice, that his Grace, Mr. Stepney, and Sir D. Mitchell, arriv'd safe at the Gorey on the 17th Instant at Ten in the Morning.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Wednesday being the 26th of January, will be presented a new Play never acted before, call'd, *Love the Leveller*, or, *The Pretty Purchase*.

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